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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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 Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment, prior to examination, in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 7, at line 3, please delete the present description of FIG. 30 and substitute the following:

--FIGS. 30A-E shows a diagrammatic view of data flow between database servlets in the FIG. 2 system. --

At page 64, at line 7, please delete the present paragraph and substitute the following:

-- As shown in FIGS. 30A-E, each database server 208 includes a number of servlets 2801 that perform specific tasks on the database server 208. Perform query

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